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June 21, 2002

#### VIA COURIER

Federal Communications Commission Attn: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Common Carrier Domestic Services P.O. Box 358145 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5145

Re: American Microwave & Communications, Inc.

SECTION 214 APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE ASSETS

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith pursuant to Section 1.742 of the Commission's Rules, are an original and two copies of an Application for Authority to Acquire Assets, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This application is filed pursuant to Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules. Kindly note that the applicant has shown that the application is eligible for streamlined processing under Section 63.03(b) of the Commission's Rules.

This firm's check in the amount of \$815.00 is enclosed to cover the applicable filing fee.

If there are any questions regarding the information provided by the Assignor or the

Assignee, kindly communicate with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

JWK:gr **Enclosures** 

# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)
AMERICAN MICROWAVE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,	) 02-183
Assignor,	)
and	) File No
AMCI ACQUISITION L.P.,	ý )
Assignee	)
	)
Application for Authority Pursuant	)
to Section 214 of the Communications	)
Act of 1934, as amended, to Acquire Assets	)

# APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE ASSETS

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.04<sup>1</sup>, American Microwave & Communications, Inc., ("American") and AMCI Acquisition L.P. ("AMCI") hereby seek authority of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for acquisition by AMCI of the assets of American, which is authorized by the FCC to operate as a miscellaneous common carrier.

Adopted March 14, 2002, 17 FCC Rcd 5517, effective June 14, 2002. See *Public Notice*, "Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Effective Date For New Domestic Section 214 Transfer of Control Applications," DA 02-1353, released June 7, 2002.

#### INTRODUCTION

American and AMCI have entered into an asset purchase agreement dated as of May 31, 2002, whereby American will sell all of its assets to AMCI. American is a Michigan corporation with its principal office and place of business at 188 Inverness Drive West, Englewood, Colorado 80112. American operates a point-to-point terrestrial microwave radio system in the State of Michigan which is dedicated exclusively to the delivery of video signals to television stations and cable TV systems. American does not offer telecommunications services to the general public. American is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AT&T Broadband, LLC.

The following information is provided as specified by Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules.

(1) Applicant name, address, and telephone number:

AMERICAN MICROWAVE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 188 Inverness Drive West Englewood, Colorado 80112 303/858-3500

AMCI ACQUISITION L.P. 11850 Jones Road Houston, Texas 77070 832/752-4480

(2) Place of Organization:

American is a Michigan corporation

AMCI is a Texas limited partnership

(3) *Contact Person:* 

For American and For AMCI:

John Wells King, Esquire Garvey, Schubert & Barer 1000 Potomac Street NW Washington DC 20007 202/965-7880 Legal Counsel

(4) Name, address, citizenship, principal business of 10% or more equity holders.

AMCI (all parties are U.S. citizens):

USA Communications LLC 11011 Jones Road Houston, Texas 77070

Nature of Interest: General Partner

Principal Business: investment enterprise for communications investments

Percent Equity: 1.0%

Robert K. Fuller 11011 Jones Road Houston, Texas 77070

Nature of Interest: Managing Partner

Principal Business: Investments and Entrepreneurship

Percent Equity: 89%

Everett Dickson 11850 Jones Road Houston, Texas 77070

Nature of Interest: Limited Partner

Principal Business: Tower ownership and management

Percent Equity: 10%

# (5) Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification

The applicant certifies that no party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

## (6) Description of the Transaction

AMCI proposes to acquire the assets of American pursuant to an asset purchase and sale agreement between the parties. American is engaged in the business of providing transport for the delivery of video signals to various television stations and cable systems in the State of Michigan. AMCI proposes to continue the business substantially as conducted presently by American.

# (7) Geographic area of service and type of service

American provides service in the State of Michigan as a miscellaneous common carrier, see Section 101.3, 47 C.F.R. § 101.3. American is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AT&T Broadband, LLC, which provides cable television, high-speed cable Internet services, and telephone services nationwide. AT&T Broadband, LLC is owned by AT&T Corp.

AMCI is a new entrant in the telecommunications industry. It has no other business interests. Its principals are experienced in industry-related enterprises such as the ownership and management of tower structures that serve as antenna support structures for telecommunications companies.

#### (8) Classification of application under streamlined categories

This application is appropriate for streamlined treatment under Section 63.03(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b), because it is consistent with the characteristics specified in subsection (b)(2), specifically:

a. The transaction will result in AMCI having a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of less than 10 percent (indeed, its share will be zero because the company is not engaged in providing service in the interstate, interexchange market);

- b. The transferee will not provide competitive telephone exchange service or exchange access services at all; and
  - c. Neither applicant is dominant with respect to any service.

# (9) Related applications

Because the transaction proposes the acquisition of assets by AMCI that include authorizations issued by the Commission for operation of American's point-to-point microwave radio facilities, there is pending an application (Form 603) for Commission consent to assignment of such authorizations. That application includes two additional licenses issued in the Industrial Business Radio Service and the Local Television Transmission Service. AMCI is acquiring assets from another AT&T Broadband, LLC subsidiary, TCI Microwave, Inc., for which a separate Section 214 Application is concurrently filed.

#### (10) Special consideration

There are no circumstances that require the applicants to request special consideration.

#### (11) Waiver requests

There are no separately filed waiver requests sought in conjunction with the transaction.

## (12) Public interest factors

Favorable action on this application will promote the public interest by allowing the business developed and operated by American for many years, to be carried on by a new entrant in the telecommunications industry. AMCI brings industry-related experience to the task, and under the ownership, direction and management of the AMCI management team, AMCI is committed to the continued provision of high-quality, communications services to American's customers. This,

in turn, will benefit the public, through its reliance on the broadcast and cable program services provided by American's customers.

Accordingly, the public interest will be served by a grant of this application, and it is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

AMERICAN MICROWAVE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

AMCI ACQUISITION L.P.

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